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IN THE CLAIMS**Amendments To The Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1 (Canceled)
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Previously presented) The pipe member according to claim 8, wherein one metal pipe forming the multiple pipes is of a different material than the other metal pipes.
4. (Previously presented) The pipe member according to claim 8, wherein one metal pipe forming the multiple pipes is made of aluminum and the other metal pipes are made of steels.
5. (Canceled)
- 6 (Canceled)
7. (Cancelled)
8. (Currently amended) A pipe member having metal pipes of different diameters, said pipe member prepared by a process comprising:

moving one of a metal pipe of a larger diameter and shorter length and a metal pipe of a smaller diameter and longer length, said metal pipe of a smaller diameter having an outside, said metal pipe of a larger diameter engaging the outside of the metal pipe of the smaller diameter to provide a multiple pipe structure in a predetermined area in a longitudinal direction; and

expanding integrally at least a portion of only the multiple pipe structure to expand a diameter of the multiple pipe structure, wherein an end of the multiple pipe structure is provided with a tapered section of which the amount of diameter expansion gradually increases.

9. (Canceled)

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10. (Canceled)

11. (Canceled)